



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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Dear EATF members:

In our first Environmental Advisory Task Force meeting, the issue was raised about the use of chlorpyrifos as a nursery quarantine treatment. Partially in response to public concern, and partially to test new and potentially more effective products, the USDA started an efficacy test of potential alternative treatments. This test is on-going in Australia, the native range of the light brown apple moth. Results are due soon, and will be shared with the EATF when available.

Sincerely,

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